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## REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 to 5, 7 to 8, 10 to 21, 23 to 29 and 38 to 47 are pending.

Applicants appreciate allowance of claims 1, 4 to 5, 7 to 8, 10 to 21, 23 to 29 and 38 to 47 Rejected claims 31 and 34 to 36 are canceled. Hence, this application should be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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